

Soldiers, NCOs compete to be named IMCOM's best

By Neal Snyder and William Bradner
IMCO Public Affairs

Four Soldiers and four noncommissioned officers from around the world are facing off in the IMCOM Best Warrior competition at Camp Bullis.

The winners will be named IMCOM Soldier of the Year and NCO of the Year, and compete for Army Soldier and NCO of the year at Fort Lee, Va., in the fall.

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FIESTA ROYALTY MEET MILITARY LEADERS



Photo by Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson

Fiesta royalty and their Army counterparts join together during a military ceremony at MacArthur Parade Field April 22. Pictured from left are Lt. Gen. Michael Ferriter, commander, U.S. Army Installation Management Command; Richard Ojeda, El Rey Feo LXIV; Evangelina Flores, Fiesta Commission president; Maj. Gen. Simeon Trombitas, commanding general, U.S. Army South; Tom Green, King Antonio XC; and Lt. Gen. William Caldwell IV, commanding general, U.S. Army North, and senior commander, Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis. For more photos from various Fiesta events, turn to Pages 17 and 18.



Soldiers from the 717th Military Intelligence Battalion move into a forested area of Camp Bullis during the capstone exercise of the recent Junior Leadership Development Course. The goal of the course is to provide junior enlisted members with an introduction to Army leadership both in the field as well as in garrison. For story and more photos, turn to Page 12.

Photo by Gregory Rippes

Leadership conference features world-renowned speakers

Senior leaders, managers and supervisors can access the knowledge and experience of world-renowned leaders by attending Leadercast (no federal endorsement intended) at the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Community Center, Lackland Gateway Club and Randolph Parr Club from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. May 4.

The Leadercast event is broadcast live from Atlanta to hundreds of sites throughout the nation. Last year, 85,000 leaders from 17 countries attended Leadercast.

Speakers for this year's event include

Soledad O'Brien, anchor and correspondent for CNN; Tim Tebow, NFL quarterback, Heisman Trophy winner and author; Patrick Lencioni, author and president of The Table Group; John Maxwell, leadership expert author of "The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership;" Angela Ahrendts, CEO, Burberry; Roland Fryer, professor of economics at Harvard University and CEO of the Education Innovation Laboratory; Urban Meyer, ESPN analyst and former head football coach for the University of Florida; Andy Stan-

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Panetta, Dempsey announce initiatives to stop sexual assault

By Lisa Daniel
American Forces Press Service

The Pentagon's top civilian and military leaders took their campaign to stop sexual assault in the military to Capitol Hill April 16, where they announced new initiatives to combat the problem.

Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta and Army Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, spoke with reporters after meeting with three members of the House of Representatives who are working on the issue.

"General Dempsey and I consider this a serious problem that needs to be addressed," Panetta said. "It violates everything the U.S. military stands for."

Panetta and Dempsey met with Rep. Loretta Sanchez of California, Rep. Mike Turner of Ohio, and Rep. Niki Tsongas of Massachusetts. Sanchez chairs the Caucus on Women in the Military, while Turner and Tsongas co-chair the Military Sexual Assault Prevention Caucus.

"Service members and their families must feel secure enough to report this crime without fear of retribution, and commanders must hold offenders appropriately accountable," the secretary said.

One Defense Department initiative will elevate the level of investigation for the most serious sexual assault allegations. Local unit commanders will be required to report allegations of rape, forcible sodomy and sexual assault, as well as attempts of those offenses, to a special court-martial convening authority, usually a colonel or Navy captain.

That change will ensure that sexual assault

cases receive high-level attention and that cases remain in the chain of command, Panetta said.

The initiatives also include:

- Establishing with congressional approval a "special victims' unit" within each service composed of specially trained experts in evidence collection, interviewing and working with victims;
- Requiring that sexual assault policies be explained to all service members within 14 days of their entry into active duty;
- Allowing National Guard and Reserve personnel who have been sexually assaulted to remain on active duty status to obtain the treatment and support afforded to active-duty members;
- Requiring a record of the outcome of disciplinary and administrative



Photo by Erin A. KirkCuomo

(From left) U.S. Rep. Michael Turner of Ohio, Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta and U.S. Rep. Loretta Sanchez of California, participate in a press briefing at the House of Representatives in Washington, D.C., April 16.

proceedings related to sexual assault and retaining the records centrally;

- Requiring commanders to conduct annual organizational climate assessments to measure whether they are meeting the department's goal of a culture of professionalism and zero tolerance of

sexual assault;

- Enhancing training programs for sexual assault prevention, including training for new military commanders in handling sexual assault matters; and
- Mandating wider public dissemination of available sexual assault resources,

such as DOD's "Safe Helpline," a 24/7 helpline via Web, phone or text message operated by the nonprofit Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network.

The helpline is available at 877-995-5247 or <http://www.safehelpline.org>.

The initiatives build on others announced in the past year that include appointing a two-star general to head the department's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office, and expanding legal assistance to military spouses and adult military dependents.

Panetta called the changes "a strong package," but he added that "there is no silver bullet." All military leaders at every level must understand that they have a responsibility to stop sexual assault, he said.

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National Prescription Take Back Day

April 28 is National Prescription Take Back Day. There are two locations on Fort Sam Houston for all active duty, family members, civilian employees and retirees to anonymously turn in medications or prescription drugs. The first is the Fort Sam Houston Community Pharmacy (on the corner of Scott and Allen, near the main Post Exchange) and the San Antonio Military Medical Center Main Pharmacy in the SAMMC Medical Mall. Each location is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to take back all unused or expired prescription medications for public safety and to prevent accidental dosing, overdose and abuse. There will have certified law enforcement personnel (Military Police or Department of the Army Civilian Police) physically present at the drop off locations for the duration of National Prescription Take Back Day activities, per DEA protocols.

Horse vaccine clinic

Veterinary Services is offering an equine clinic for vaccinations and deworming of privately owned horses from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. May 5 at the Fort Sam Houston Equestrian Center, Building 3550 on Hawkins Road. Clinic is open to all DEERs enrolled active duty, retirees, and dependents. Preregister at the Fort Sam Houston Veterinary Treatment Center at 2915 Schofield Road, Building 2635, before April 27. For more information, call 808-6101 or 6104.

Voting Assistance Officer Training

VAO training will be held from 9-11 a.m. May 1 at Randolph Air Force Base and 1-3 p.m. at Roadrunner Community Center on Fort Sam Houston. All unit VAOs are should attend one of the sessions where valuable information on VAO duties and responsibilities, resources and upcoming primaries will be presented by representatives from the Federal Voting Assistance Office. Call 565-4351 for more information.

ROTC Green to Gold

The 5th Brigade Army ROTC will conduct a Green to Gold Program brief on the second Monday of each month excluding training and federal holidays. Briefings will be at 2 p.m. at the Post Education Center, Building 2248,

Beyond the Horizon exercise begins in Honduras

By Lt. Col. Robert E. Gowan
Army South Public Affairs

Members of U.S. Army South and the Honduran military kicked off the Beyond the Horizon Honduras 2012 exercise April 16 in a ceremony at a remote forward operating base near Naco, Honduras.

BTH Honduras 2012 is an Army South exercise deploying military engineers and medical professionals to Honduras for training, while providing services to rural communities.

BTH is part of U.S. Southern Command's annual humanitarian and civic assistance program.

Working closely with host nation forces and civilian organizations, BTH teams participate in a valuable training opportunity and provide medical, dental and engineering support.

"We are making steady, positive progress to partner with the Honduran military in order to help the people of Honduras. And I know we will benefit greatly from this exceptional training opportunity," said Lt. Col. Robert Jones, Partnership

of the Americas Collaboration and Coordination Element commander.

The PACCE, also known as Task Force Tropic, is the command and control element responsible for executing the BTH mission in Honduras. It is comprised primarily of Soldiers from the Missouri Army National Guard.

According to Jones, there will be a daily average of approximately 250 military personnel participating, totaling more than 1,000 overall.

During the BTH exercise several smaller events called medical readiness training exercises (MEDRETEs) take place, which consist of a team of military medical and dental professionals who, while providing medical services to people in need of treatment, gain valuable real-world training.

Jones expects the MEDRETEs will be able to treat thousands of Hondurans during the BTH.

The BTH exercise also consists of engineering support where service members build or repair schools, clinics, roads and other vital facilities.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Walter E. Vanochten

Maj. Gen. Simeon G. Trombitas (right), commanding general of U.S. Army South, joins representatives from the Honduran military on a visit of the upcoming construction sites of a medical clinic and school near the town of Naco Cortez April 15-16. The visit marked the beginning of Beyond the Horizon 2012 exercise. BTH is an annual Army South-led exercise providing humanitarian and civic assistance operations to the people of Central and South America and in the Caribbean.

During BTH Honduras, two schools will be built, one school renovated and two clinics constructed.

Maj. Gen. Simeon G. Trombitas, commanding general of Army South, whose command is the coordinating authority for the overall planning and execution of the exercise, spoke at the opening ceremony.

"BTH is the kind of partner-

ship that fosters the trust and interoperability that will sustain our friendship in the face of future adversity, whatever that adversity may be," Trombitas said.

After the ceremony concluded and the dignitaries departed, the Task Force Tropic Soldiers broke ground on a new construction project, building the first school.

CARTER TALKS DISASTER RESPONSE

Brig. Gen. Theresa Carter, Joint Base San Antonio commander, addresses military and city leadership during a Defense Support to Civil Authorities briefing at the San Antonio Emergency Operations Center at Brooks City-Base April 18. In the background is District Fire Chief Lawrence Trevino, emergency management coordinator for the City of San Antonio. The annual briefing addresses the process by which state and local authorities can leverage military resources in the event of a natural or man-made disaster.



Photo by Brent Boller

TROMBITAS SPEAKS AT INCARNATE WORD



Photo by Sgt. Tamika Exom

Maj. Gen. Simeon G. Trombitas, commanding general of U.S. Army South, speaks to a group of students from the University of the Incarnate Word and St. Mary's University about the importance of Army South's mission of facilitating theater security cooperation within the Western Hemisphere during a lecture at Mabey Library on the UIW campus April 23.

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Room 207C. For more information, call 295-2006, 295-0429, 458-5607 or 436-3415.

Nominations open for AUSA Volunteer Family of Year

The Association of the U.S. Army's Volunteer Family of the Year award recognizes an exceptional Army family whose dedicated volunteer service significantly contributes to improving Army well-being and the well-being of the local community and is open to families from active duty, National Guard, Reserves, retirees and Army civilians. Nominations for the award must be submitted only through AUSA chapters. Deadline is May 1. For more information, call the Alamo Chapter of the AUSA at (818) 516-3442.

Change with Processing DFAS PCS Travel Order Vouchers

Are you a civilian employee relocating? The DFAS-Columbus office no longer processes civilian PCS vouchers. This function will now be done by DFAS-Rome. For additional details, visit the Fort Sam Houston CPAC website at <http://www.samhouston.army.mil/cpac/> or the DFAS website at <http://www.dfas.mil/pcstravel/civlatestnews.html>.

Start a career with CID

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command needs qualified active duty Soldiers to become Special Agents. Contact the Fort Sam Houston CID Office at 221-1764 to set up an interview to determine if you meet the minimum requirements, or stop by 2164 Wilson Way, Building 268 during duty hours. The CID agents will provide assistance in guiding the applicant through the application process. Information could also be found at the Army CID website at <http://www.cid.army.mil>.

JBSA FAP CareLine

Reporting procedures for the Joint Base San Antonio Family Advocacy Program CareLine have been streamlined to ensure the easiest access and assistance to those in need of services related to the prevention of family maltreatment in our community. To report incidents of spouse or child abuse and to coordinate an emergency response for victims of domestic violence, call 292-5967, which is monitored 24 hours per day, 7 days a week.

'Army Strong' Soldier Show entertains at Fort Sam Houston Theatre

By Robert Dozier
IMCOM Public Affairs

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond F. Chandler III and his wife, Jeanne, attended the 2012 U.S. Army Soldier Show "Army Strong" at its opening this weekend at Fort Sam Houston. The show ran from April 19 to 21.

Lt. Gen. Mike Ferriter, commander of the U.S. Army Installation Management Command, invited top leaders, including command staff and noncommissioned officers from all over Joint Base San Antonio to enjoy the Army's entertainment variety show "by the Soldier, for the Soldier."

Chandler was in San Antonio for the SMA Board of Directors meetings.

"I've seen a whole bunch of Army Soldier Shows in my career, and this is without a doubt, the best Soldier Show I've seen," said Chandler, in a video recorded for the IMCOM video channel after the performance. "Just a positive, uplifting performance by a bunch of kids doing an absolutely amazing job."

The 90-minute song-and-dance production was designed to demonstrate "Army Strong" where each moment in the show will reflect the strength of our nation as embodied in the Soldier.

"This show says that the strength of the nation is the army, and strength of the Army is the Soldier and the strength of the Soldier is our Families," Chandler said. "That's what makes us Army Strong. We are the best of the best and we will continue to be in the future."

"It was absolutely amazing," said San Antonio resident Lynn Tower. "These people are serving our country to the best of their ability and then they're sharing their talents with us. It was inspiring."

"This show far exceeded my expectations. Each time I've seen it, the performers are better and better. The singing and dancing, the sparkle

in their eye and the way they can relate to the crowd is just fantastic," Ferriter said.

"We had a great audience, young soldiers here in their advanced training, members of Fort Sam Houston and the Joint Base San Antonio and all of them seem to connect with the Soldier Show."

The troops now hit the road on a five-month tour to perform at least 60 shows in at least 31 venues, including Hawaii and Japan.

The month of May will be busy with performances at Forts Rucker, Stewart, Bragg, Eustis, Story, Myer, Hamilton and Drum. A full schedule is listed on <http://www.armyEntertainment.net>, along with other Army Entertainment events this season.

"Absolutely superb singers with great voices and talent," said Maj. Gen. Reuben Jones, deputy commander for operations for the IMCOM. "You could see the work they put in and how it transformed these great entertainers. We've got the best entertainers in the world, Soldier entertainers."

The openings were staged at the newly renovated historic Fort Sam Houston Theatre, new home of IMCOM's Army Entertainment Division. When the Army Entertainment Division relocated in 2011 from Fort Belvoir, Va., to Fort Sam Houston as part of the Army's Base Realignment and Closure, the Army renovated its second-oldest movie theater, built in the 1930s.

It takes a lot of hard work by the Soldiers who perform or work back stage to make this show a success.

"Thanks for all that you do. We are really proud of each and every one of you in what you do inside the Installation Management Command, and throughout the Army," Chandler said.



Photo by Tim Higgs

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond F. Chandler III takes the stage for an impromptu "thank you" to the cast of the 2012 U.S. Army Soldier Show. The group held its opening performance April 19 in the historic Fort Sam Houston Theatre.

AMEDDC&S NCO WINS TRADOC AWARD

Staff Sgt. Adrienne Harmon was recently named the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command Instructor of the Year for fiscal year 2011. She is an instructor in the Veterinary Food Inspection Specialist Course, AMEDD Center and School Department of Veterinary Science. This is the first time a representative from the AMEDDC&S has won the TRADOC Instructor of the Year competition. Harmon recently completed Warrant Officer Candidate School and is now a warrant officer.



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The Soldiers reached the IMCOM competition after winning installation and region levels. IMCOM has four regions: Pacific, Central, Atlantic and Europe.

Through a series of Soldier-skill tests – beginning with an “oh-dark-thirty” physical fitness test and running the gamut from basic Soldier skills to night land navigation – the four NCOs and four Soldiers will train and compete.

Two will represent the command in an Army-wide Best Warrior Competition this fall. The goal is to find the best Soldiers in IMCOM to be those representatives, said IMCOM Command Sgt. Maj. Earl Rice.

The hunger to compete, to win, to do one’s personal best will bring out the best in these Soldiers, and that’s good for

them, IMCOM, and the Army, according to Rice.

“When they push themselves to their limits [in a competition like this one], they know how to push their Soldiers beyond what they think they can do,” Rice said.

These Soldiers are in it to win, Rice added. They represent the Army best by representing the best in themselves.

Staff Sgt. Robert Donovan, IMCOM Europe NCO of the Year, agreed.

“What I want to get out of this competition is simply to get some good training, push myself to the limits, hopefully come out on top, and continue as the Department of the Army NCO of the Year, but in the meantime lead from the front and have my Soldiers back in the rear be proud of what I do,” he said.

“It’s about learning, about being better

Soldiers,” said Army Environmental Command Command Sgt. Maj. Earlene Lavender, noncommissioned officer in charge of the event.

“They all recognize this as an opportunity to learn and grow, and they all want the very best representing the command at the Army level.”

Spc. Kevin Mulloy, Central Region soldier of the year, is banking skills for the future.

“What I really hope to get out of this is just the training tools to lead the Soldiers for whenever I step into the position of NCO – something to actually show in the future and train the leaders of tomorrow.”

Spc. Hannah Rademacher, an Army bandsman from Army North who won her “Soldier of the Year” title through board appearances, and the Army North NCO of the year

(both stationed at Fort Sam Houston), are taking part this year in a non-competitive role as preparation for the All-Army competition.

“I can train for each of these events individually,” Rademacher said. “Here I get them all back-to-back and can see how I handle it. Some of these tasks, like land [navigation] and combatives, I don’t have a lot of opportunity to do,” she said. “This is a great opportunity to learn more about the ‘other side’ of my job.”

In opening remarks April 22, Rice spoke to the competitors about the honor of making it through their garrison- and regional-level competitions to the IMCOM level, and reminded them that it’s not just about winning, it’s about becoming better Soldiers.

“We want you to come

in, and do your absolute best in every event,” he said. “You can’t quit.”

Practicing what he preached, Rice participated in the first major event of the competition alongside the Soldiers and NCOs: the Army Physical Fitness Test

The competitors had less than 90 minutes to recover from the PT test before moving out to the land navigation course, where they were challenged to plot and navigate to six different points as much as 1,500 meters apart in four hours or less. They went to another range that evening for night land navigation.

The results proved that the competitors were learning as well as competing. Times and accuracy improved across the board, in spite of the fact that as the Soldiers made their way back to the rally

point they were ending a grueling 20-hour day.

The spirit of competition was high less than seven hours later as the Soldiers and NCOs began a twenty-station obstacle course.

While not all Soldiers were able to navigate all obstacles, every one completed the course, even a Soldier who sprained his ankle during night land navigation.

Over the course of the five-day competition, the Soldiers will average less than seven hours sleep a night while competing in physically and mentally demanding activities such as hand-to-hand combatives, military operations in urban terrain, board appearances and written exams during 17-hour work days.

“Every one of us will be a better Soldier the end of this week, including me,” Lavender said.

FSH TAX CENTER SHUTTERS DOORS



Photo by Lori Newman

Col. John Lamoureux, 502nd Mission Support Group commander, thanks 22 Soldiers, two Sailors and civilian volunteers April 24 during a ceremony at the Military Tax Assistance Center on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston. The volunteers prepared 4,178 tax returns saving service members, retirees and family members more than \$660,000 in tax preparation fees and resulting in more than \$7.2 million in tax refunds for their customers.

BAMC RECOGNIZES VOLUNTEERS



Photo by Maria Gallegos

Volunteer greeter Joe Butcher answers a phone call from San Antonio Military Medical Center's information desk. He is one of 36 Information Management Department volunteers who work as greeters/information operators throughout the medical center. BAMC celebrated National Volunteer Appreciation Week April 16 to 20 with a variety of events and luncheons to show appreciation for their service. BAMC volunteers have worked more than 77,000 hours this past year which equals to \$1.7 million in volunteer time and have more than 480 BAMC volunteers who are assigned to more than 140 supervisors. For more information about volunteering, contact BAMC Volunteer Services at 916-5388.

470th MI Brigade announces Soldier, NCO of Year choices

By Gregory Ripps
470th MIB Public Affairs

After four days of physical and mental exertions, two members of the 470th Military Intelligence Brigade have emerged as their unit's Soldier of the Year and Noncommissioned Officer of the Year.

The brigade named Sgt. Javaris Cooper, of the 401st MI Company, as Soldier of the Year, and Staff Sgt. Matthew McGinn, of the 204th MI Battalion, as NCO of the Year.

"The scores were all pretty close," said brigade Command Sgt. Maj. Charles Totoris before announcing the competition results April 13. "It was neck and neck until the very end."

A variety of events

filled the week for the six contestants. Staff Sgt. Michael Robinson, who set up and ran the competition, said each event was worth 500 points.

The competition began with the Army physical fitness test and included land navigation, five different "warrior training tasks," an essay question, an oral board, a written examination, and a "surprise event" selected by the sergeant major. Announced only minutes before it was to begin, the surprise turned out to be a six-mile ruck march.

"This was the hardest event because I hadn't expected it," said McGinn, whose battalion is based on Fort Bliss in El Paso. He acknowledged he did well in the quick-paced

challenge, in which contestants were scored according to their order of finishing, but he felt his strong points were in the written events and his board appearance.

"I had an idea of what would be asked," he explained. "I have a few years on these other guys."

Cooper, in contrast, said he began to feel good about his overall score when he completed the ruck march.

"The close competition kept up the tension," he said. "It gave me the incentive to keep doing my best."

Cooper, who became an NCO after attaining Soldier of the Quarter honors, encouraged other Soldiers to enter the quar-



Photo by Sgt. Qaasim Jenkins

Under the watchful eye of a 470th Military Intelligence Brigade observer, a Noncommissioned Officer of the Year competitor goes through the procedures of arming a claymore mine on Camp Bullis April 10.

terly and ultimately the yearly competitions.

McGinn advised Soldiers to find out as much as they can about the competition beforehand.

Cooper and McGinn

will go on to compete in their respective lanes at the Intelligence and Security Command level. Runners-up Sgt. Theodore Anderegg, of the 201st MI Battalion, and Sgt.

Edward Gribbons, of the 717th MI Battalion, will proceed to the U.S. Army South competition. Winners at these levels move up to compete at Army level.

BAMC TROOP COMMAND CHANGE OF RESPONSIBILITY



Photo by Maria Gallegos

Brooke Army Medical Center Troop Commander Lt. Col. Corrina Dixon passes the guidon to incoming Command Sgt. Maj. Mark Pumphrey during the change of responsibility ceremony April 20 at Fort Sam Houston. Outgoing Command Sgt. Maj. Roosevelt Mitchell (far right) leaves the Troop Command after 29 months and retires with 30 years of military service.

LENDING A HAND



Photo by Kathy Salazar

Chris Kwader, an instructor at the Department of Combat Medic Training, demonstrates the application of combat gauze on a simulated arm injury to Cadet Lt. Col. Cryston Williams, an Air Force JROTC student from Wharton High School. The cadets toured Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston April 20, visiting the DCMT, Army Medical Department Museum and the Engagement Skills Training Firing Range and ate at Rocco Dining Facility.

Law Day 2012: celebrating the significance of America's legal system

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Law Day, celebrated May 1, is a day for Americans to observe the significance of our national legal system and to reflect on the importance of our laws, judiciary and legal historical events, as they have shaped American society to what it is today.

The first Law Day was observed in 1958, when then-President Dwight D. Eisenhower issued Proclamation No. 3221 establishing May 1st as the "designated day... of national dedication to the principle of government under laws..."

Eisenhower concluded by urging people "...to observe the designated day with appropriate

ceremonies and activities; especially the legal profession, the press, and the radio, television, and motion-picture industries to promote and to participate in the observance of that day."

Each Law Day has a special theme, as chosen by the American Bar Association. This year's theme is "No Courts, No Justice, No Freedom."

The Fort Sam Houston legal office will be conducting a mock trial for a local elementary school.

What this means is that without the court system and the judiciary, there would be no sense of justice, and therefore no "freedom" as we as Americans understand freedom to be.

The framers of the Constitution recognized the importance of the courts when they made



the judiciary one of the three coequal branches of our government. The courts are where we go to have our rights protected, our injuries redressed and our disputes resolved.

Whether you are a consumer or a corporation, a victim or an accused, a lender or a debtor, a parent or a child, the work of the courts affects your everyday life.

Courts also play a critical role in protecting our civil liberties. Before people can be punished under our laws, a court must first convict them of a crime. One way accused people can defend themselves is by arguing that the laws they are be-

ing prosecuted under are unconstitutional.

American courts have the power of judicial review, which means they can strike down a law if it is unconstitutional and release the people who have been arrested under it.

If a lower court ignores a defendant's civil liberties, the defendant can appeal the prosecution through higher levels of courts all the way up to America's highest court, the Supreme Court of the United States.

By exercising judicial review, the courts have the power to moderate the popular passions expressed through the legislative or executive

branches.

Similar to their civilian counterparts, military courts, both trial and appellate, provide an important function.

They do more than simply interpret the meaning of applicable rules, in many instances, they are called upon to address the constitutionality of a procedure or rule.

All active duty military members, who are convicted by a court-martial, will have their conviction reviewed. Certain cases are forwarded for appeal to the particular Service Court of Criminal Appeals, where specialized appellate counsel, at no cost to the accused,

review the record for errors and present written and oral arguments.

A case may be further appealed to the military's highest court, the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, and the United States Supreme Court.

In accordance with President Eisenhower's intentions in 1958, each year Law Day activities are conducted by local bar associations, courts and schools to celebrate our legal system.

On May 1 2012, remember that our rule of law requires a court system that operates with fairness, integrity, and competence, protecting individual rights and offering high quality, easily accessible and affordable resolution of all of the matters that fall within a court's jurisdiction.

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ley, leadership author and communicator; and Sheena Iyengar, author of "The Art of Choosing."

This year's program will focus on the power of choice. The diverse group of internationally-acclaimed authors, leadership experts and practitioners will share insights to help leaders empower and equip others at work, at home and in the community through his or her choices.

Registration with credit card prepayment (MasterCard or Visa only) is required. There will be no sales at the door. Registration closes April 27.

To register for attendance at either the Fort Sam Houston Community Center, Randolph Parr Club or Lackland Gateway Club, click on <http://www.portsammwr.com> or call 221-2606.

The \$25 registration fee includes materials, breakfast, lunch, and snacks and each attendee must register separately. Conference check-in time at all three locations is between 6:30 and 7:45 a.m. The dress code is uniform of the day for military and business casual for civilians.

April 27 is the deadline to register for this conference.

JBSA Civilian Personnel Section urges employees to take survey

As the Air Force begins its third round of Voluntary Early Retirement Authority and Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay initiatives, Air Force Civilian Personnel Sections across Joint Base San Antonio will survey the civilian workforce to determine interest.

"The majority of permanent appropriated fund civilian employees serviced by the JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, Lackland and Randolph CPS will receive a VERA/VSIP survey letter May 1," said Sandy Pyott, 902nd Force Support Squadron Civilian Personnel officer.

"Civilians who won't be surveyed, per Air Force direction, are employees assigned to positions funded by the Central Salary Account, such as PAQs and Career Broadeners."

Additionally, re-employed federal retirees are not eligible for an incentive and employees in the Student

Education Employment Program are likewise not among the survey population.

"It's important people remember that, as was the case in previous VERA/VSIP initiatives, receipt of a survey and submission of an application does not guarantee an interested employee will be approved to receive an incentive or retire early," said Brian Carter, 802nd FSS Civilian Personnel officer.

"Employees are also strongly discouraged from taking premature actions that are irrevocable or incur financial obligations prior to receiving a firm incentive offer from their servicing CPS office."

After the survey window, CPS will review applications to determine where involuntary separations can be avoided.

"In order to approve an incentive, we must establish a link documenting the ap-

proved incentive and resulting vacancy-created placement for an employee whose position has been identified for abolishment," Pyott explained.

Round three of the VERA/VSIP effort entails an option for flexibility not offered in previous rounds, according to Patty Rivera, 502nd FSS Civilian Personnel officer.

This exception will allow for the reassignment of employees across installation lines to a VSIP-created vacancy. Implementing guidance on the PPP exception is under development and forthcoming.

"Employees who have been notified by management that their position is being abolished will remain in their current positions until notified by their servicing CPS that they have identified a vacancy in which to place them," Pyott said.

"And, in the event a reduction in force is neces-

sary, surplus employees will receive a written RIF notice identifying their placement or separation."

RIF notices must be issued 60 days prior to the effective date of the RIF and will include the date the employee would vacate their current position. The need for RIF will be evaluated after the third VERA/VSIP round.

Employees approved to receive an incentive in the third round will separate Aug. 31.

For information about civilian employment, voluntary separation programs and other personnel issues, visit the Air Force Personnel Service website at <https://gum-crm.csd.disa.mil>.

For more information about the VERA/VSIP program, call the 502nd Manpower and Personnel Flight at 221-2503.

(From 902nd Force Support Squadron)

717th MI Battalion course develops junior leaders

By Gregory Rippa
470th MIB Public Affairs

As the sun sets at Camp Bullis March 28, eight junior enlisted Soldiers from the 717th Military Intelligence Battalion begin trudging down one of the installation's dusty, winding roads.

Normally engaged in a 24/7, global, strategic intelligence mission, today they are equipped with helmets, tactical vests, hydration systems, assault rifles and blank ammunition – every bit like a squad ready for combat.

This is their fourth day on the installation and their third full day of training in the battalion's week-long Junior Leader Development Course.

By the third full day of the course, they had performed convoy simulator training, completed the leadership reaction course, rehearsed numerous Army warrior tasks and battle drills, conducted basic and advanced rifle marksmanship and spent time on the firing range.

They executed battle drills and situational training exercises along the road they now march along, toward the vehicles that will carry them to the cantonment area and hot chow.

Just after the lead Soldiers pass over a rise in the road, shots ring out, shouts go up and Soldiers scramble for cover.

Basic clock direction and distance is shouted along the line to focus the squad on their attackers. Suppressive fire begins as the current squad leader shouts commands to maneuver his fire teams to engage and defeat the ambush.

One Soldier points out a couple of figures barely visible behind nearby trees. It turns out to be two of the five-member training cadre. One of the pair is Sgt. Eric Neal, the NCO who planned, resourced and executed today's training exercises.

"If I was taking this course, I would have felt cheated if I hadn't been ambushed at least one more time before this training day was over," Neal said.

The Soldiers suffered "casualties," but so did the attackers, played by five other, seasoned NCOs of the battalion. After the exercise abruptly halts and the students gather to conduct an after-action review, one of the role-players admitted the young Soldiers reacted audaciously, causing the ambush not to go as originally planned.

These Soldiers are fast learners who came here to develop their leadership potential with an eye toward

becoming NCOs.

"This program is unique," said Command Sgt. Maj. Mark Sinnard. "It is the only one of its kind in the 470th MI Brigade, and one of only a few in the Intelligence and Security Command."

"It is not designed to replicate or duplicate Warrior Leadership Course, but to augment that experience," Sinnard continued. "We focus on situation-based, hands-on leadership events rather than classroom instruction."

Sinnard noted that the 717th MI Battalion's JLDC is open to any Soldier of any rank in the 470th MI Brigade who has not yet attended WLC.

The goal of the course is to identify those privates and specialists on their way to becoming sergeants and to provide them with an introduction to Army leadership both in the field as well as in garrison, according to Sgt. 1st Class Darrell Hudson, the JLDC coordinator.

The battalion traditionally conducts the course twice a year, but is looking to resource a third iteration while continuing to offer other units in the 470th MI Brigade an opportunity to participate.

"These Soldiers were recognized as performers ahead of their peers," Hudson said. "They were nominated through their companies by their first sergeants and screened both medically and administratively."

"The NCOs have our best interests in mind," said Spc. Gerald Lott, who said the course far exceeded his expectations. "They correct us, so that next time we can do better."

Lott said one important aspect of the training was regular peer assessments, where each Soldier identifies one thing each other Soldier did well and one thing each other Soldier needs to improve.



Photo by Gregory Rippa

Junior Leadership Development Course participants practice dry-fire reflexive fire transitions from primary to secondary weapons under the instruction of 1st Sgt. Billy Budd (center).



Photo by Gregory Rippa

Soldiers of the 717th Military Intelligence Battalion treat a simulated casualty during the Junior Leadership Development Course.

"The hardest part of the course was assuming a leadership role in combat scenarios," Lott said. "We have not been through combat. The course built up our confidence."

"We received a lot of tactical and classroom training to get us ready to be NCOs," said Pfc. Matthew Miller.



Photo by Sgt. Qaasim Jenkins

Soldiers of the 717th Military Intelligence Battalion attempt to negotiate an obstacle during the Leadership Reaction Course as part of the battalion's overall Junior Leadership Development Course.

"The hardest part was the high operations tempo when we were in the field. From the peer assessments I learned what I need to work on."

Before training ended, the Soldiers put their lessons to use during a "capstone exercise."

Provided with a training mission scenario to acquire intelligence, they put their land navigation, first aid, communications and combat skills, along with their leadership skills, into an exercise that involved not only maneuvers in the natural areas of Camp Bullis, but also infiltrating a mock village and clearing a building of "snipers."

"Some are natural leaders, others are capable of becoming leaders with the proper development," said Sinnard about the course participants. "In most cases it is 'in there'; we just help bring it to the surface. We expose them to opportunities to develop their unique leadership styles."

Sinnard said that promotion to sergeant, in which a junior enlisted Soldier first joins the NCO Corps, is the most important milestone in the rest of his or her military career.

"This is their first transition from 'average Soldier' in the rank and file to leader," Sinnard said.

"They should never forget the hard fact that the Army promotes them to NCOs and continues to promote them based on trust in their demonstrated leadership and continued leadership potential."



Joint Base San Antonio Force Support Squadron

May 2012 Events

Airman (Warfighter) and Family Readiness

Volunteer of the Year awards slated for May 2

The Volunteer of the Year Awards (VOYA) to be held May 2, 10 a.m.-noon, at the Fort Sam Houston Community Center, Bldg. 1395. The theme this year is "The Force Behind the Force." This event honors the many volunteers on Fort Sam Houston who help everyone accomplish their roles in the mission. For more information, call 221-2611.

Learn how to start a small business

Lackland Airman and Family Readiness Center presents a class on how to start a small business, May 4, 1-3 p.m. Topics include writing an effective business plan, location selection, market research and other related subjects. To sign up, call 671-3722.

Relocation readiness to host support group

A Hearts Apart support group is scheduled for May 4, 1-3 p.m., at the Fort Sam Houston Roadrunner Community Center, Bldg. 2797. For details, call 221-2418.

Class teaches resume writing techniques

Randolph Airman and Family Readiness Center staff teach new resume development techniques that will assist in any job search May 3, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. To sign up, call 652-5321.

Immigration and citizenship representatives available

Representatives from the Department of Immigration and Citizenship will be available for questions and to provide information and advice to service members and their families May 8, noon-2 p.m., at the Roadrunner Community Center, Bldg. 2797 on Fort Sam Houston. For more information, call 221-2418.

Two overseas orientation classes to be held May 9

Overseas orientation classes are slated for May 9, 10-11 a.m. and 5-6 p.m., at the Fort Sam Houston Roadrunner Community Center, Bldg. 2797. For more information, call 221-2418.

Mobilization & deployment will honor military spouses

Military spouses and family members are invited to a Military Appreciation Day May 11, 1-6 p.m., at the Fort Sam Houston Community Center, Bldg. 2797. To honor the commitment of the military spouse to their service member and their country, Mobilization & Deployment will serve refreshments, provide information booths and give away exciting prizes. For more information, call 221-0946 or 221-2418.

Class highlights teaching as a second career

Lackland Airman and Family Readiness Center presents a Teaching as a Second Career class May 18, 1-3 p.m. Topics include eligibility for the Troops for Teachers program and how alternative certification schools work. Call 671-3722 to sign up.

Texas Veterans Commission presents employment class

The Texas Veterans Commission presents a class on Texas employment May 23, noon-2 p.m., at Lackland Airman and Family Readiness Center, Bldg. 1249. Topics include job opportunities and how to register for employment. To sign up, call 671-3722.

Arts and Crafts

Free Mother's Day card class at Lackland

Lackland Arts and Crafts Center offers a free class May 5, 3-5 p.m., to create Mother's Day cards. Patrons will use stamps, inking and scrapbooking techniques. Call 671-2515 to sign up.

Lackland hosts camera class

Patrons can learn the basics of Holga plastic/toy film cameras as well as depth of field, lighting and film properties at the Lackland Arts and Crafts Center's camera class. A student exhibit will be featured at the end of class. The course takes place May 9, 5:30-7 p.m. For details or to sign up, call 671-2515.

Patrons learn to make art diaries

Lackland Arts and Crafts Center hosts a class May 16, 5:30-7 p.m., using Moleskin sketchbooks to create an art diary. Patrons will exhibit their work at the end of class. Call 671-2515 for pricing and to sign up.

2012 Army Arts & Crafts Contest opens in May

Patrons may compete for cash prizes against the finest artists and artisans in the U.S. Army in the annual Army Arts & Crafts Contest. IMCOM is calling for entries in several categories including ceramics, fibers and textiles, mixed media, digital art, glass, paintings, drawing, metals, jewelry and wood from May 1- June 30. Contestants may complete entry forms and submit digital images of work online at the contest website: <https://apps.imcom.army.mil/apprtrac>. For complete contest rules, visit Family and MWR on the web at www.armymwr.com.

Bowling Center

Bowling specials available on Mother's Day

Bowling and shoe rental are free for Moms May 13, 1-6 p.m., at the Randolph Bowling Center. Additionally, family members can bowl at the reduced rate of \$1.50 per game, per person and \$1.50 shoe rental. For more information, call 652-6271.

Celebrate Memorial Day with bowling fun

Celebrate the Memorial Day holiday at the Randolph Bowling Center May 28, 1-9 p.m., and bowl for only \$2 per game, per person with \$2 shoe rental (excluding Thunder Alley).

Fun bowling during summer leagues

The Randolph Bowling Center is offering a Coughatta Casino, PBA experience and Pro-Am leagues during this summer. For more information call 652-6271.

Strike when the red head pin is up

Randolph Bowling Center offers Red Head Pin bowling Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., during May. Strike when the Red Head Pin is the number one pin and win a free game pass.

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Joint Base San Antonio Force Support Squadron

Clubs

Deck night goes all American

Randolph Parr Club Deck Night will feature an all American meal May 3, 5-7 p.m., on the Parr Club deck. The buffet will feature hamburgers, macaroni salad, potato salad, coleslaw, chips and apple pie. Chris Winkler will entertain from 5-8 p.m. The cost is \$5 for Randolph club members or \$10 for nonmembers. All-you-can-eat is an additional \$2.50 and \$3 for children six and younger. This event is sponsored by Randolph Family Housing and Budweiser.

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo at the Kendrick

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo May 4, 5-8 p.m., at the Randolph Kendrick Club with great Latin music and drink specials.

Celebrate Armed Forces with club specials

On May 11 customers will receive \$2 off the seafood lunch buffet at the Randolph Kendrick Club and one free Petite Prime Rib Dinner with the purchase of one Friday Night Prime Rib Dinner (King size) at the Randolph Parr Club. On May 12, buy one appetizer and get one free in Kendrick Club Gil’s Pub from noon-8 p.m.

Lonestar Lounge brings Caribbean flair to Lackland

Lackland Gateway Club hosts Caribbean Nights in the Lonestar Lounge May 12 and 26, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. DJ “Saba Sounds,” games, drink specials and dancing are featured. Call 645-7034 for more information.

Mother’s Day Brunch at JBSA Clubs

Lackland Gateway Club hosts a Mother’s Day Brunch May 13, 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. A complimentary carnation will be presented to all mothers. The all-you-can-eat buffet price is \$15.95 per person for mothers, members are \$17.95 each, nonmembers are \$20.95 each, children ages 6-12 are \$9.95 each and children ages five and younger are free. For more information, call 645-7034.

Randolph Parr Club to hold Mother’s Day brunch May 13, with seating times every half hour from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. The price is \$22.25 per adult for members, \$11.50 for members’ children ages 6-12 years old, \$24.25 per adult for nonmembers, and \$12.75 for nonmembers’ children ages 6-12 years old. Children 5 and younger eat for free. Reservations and prepayment required. For more information, call 652-4864. This event is sponsored by Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union.

Gateway Club honors members

The Lackland Gateway Club host a members’ appreciation night May 15, 5-8 p.m., A buffet dinner, big band music and a ballroom dance contest are featured. The price is \$10.50 per person for members or \$12.50 for nonmembers. For details, call 645-7034.

Gentlemen enjoy a night out

Randolph Parr Club’s first ever Gentlemen’s Night Out is May 17, 6 p.m. The evening includes a \$15 beverage voucher, 16-ounce ribeye steak dinner, bar snacks, a Ping golf club fitting by Clay Kauha (recently voted the Best Club Fitter by Ping) and scotch tasting. The Tobacco Haus will also showcase and sell selected cigars. The cost is \$50 per club member or \$60 for nonmembers. No coupons allowed. Reservations are available starting May 2. To sign up call 652-4864 or stop by the cashier’s cage.

Mongolian Bar-B-Q heats up Parr Club

Randolph Parr Club offers a great selection of meats, vegetables and sauces at their Mongolian Bar-B-Q May 24, 5:30-8 p.m. The price is \$12.50 for members, \$14.50 for nonmembers, children 6-12 years of age pay \$7.75 and kids 5 and younger eat free.

Parr Club to hold gourmet dinner

Back by popular customer demand, Chef Michael, Certified Executive Chef, will prepare and serve another outstanding six-course gourmet dinner May 31, 6:30 p.m. The menu will feature Gazpacho shots with large prawns, followed by Spring greens with roasted corn, diced nopeles cactus leaves and pecans, drizzled with a Tequila vinaigrette; braised lamb shank served with white bean ragout and sauté rosemary grape tomatoes; and a lemon tart with Melba accent and raspberry garnish. Complimentary wine will be served with all entrees. The price for this meal is only \$70 per person for club members (\$120 for couples and includes gratuity) or \$80 per person for nonmembers (\$140 for couples). Reservations will be accepted starting May 16 at 9 a.m. at the Parr Club cashier cage or by calling 652-4864.

Thursday Mystery Karaoke

The duty manager will choose a song and if the customers selects it they win \$25 in club bucks. The DJ will give five clues throughout the night. If no one guesses the song the pot will be \$30 in club bucks the next week.

Community Programs

Randolph Idol competition finale

All DoD ID cardholders are welcome to cheer on their favorite local singers at the Randolph Idol finale May 4, 6 p.m., at the Randolph Parr Club. Patron votes count! For more information, call 267-7358.

Lackland hosts video game tournament

Lackland’s Arnold Hall Community Center invites all patrons, ages 16 to adult, to an Xbox video game tournament May 18, 6 p.m. A practice session begins at 5 p.m. The event is free and complimentary snacks are available. Call 671-2619 for details.

Sam Houston Community Center to host Memorial Day party

MWR patrons are invited to a Memorial Day Party May 25, 6:30-9 p.m., at the Fort Sam Houston Community Center, Bldg. 1395. The party includes karaoke, barbecue, hamburgers and hot dogs, beverages and a DJ. For details, call 221-4016.

Monthly Newcomers Extravaganza slated for May 29

The monthly Newcomers Extravaganza is slated for May 29, 9:30-11 a.m., at the Sam Houston Community Center, Bldg. 1395. Service members and their families who are new to Fort Sam Houston can visit with representatives from the agencies on the post and local businesses to learn more about their new home. Prizes and giveaways are also part of the morning event. For more information, call 221-2418.

Paw Camp features dog obedience training

Lackland Arnold Hall Community Center hosts Paw Camp for dog obedience training Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m. All breeds, ages 10 weeks and older, are welcome. Dogs must be current on all vaccinations and be non-aggressive. Class size is limited to five dogs. The class fee is \$50 for four lessons per month. Call 671-2619 for more information.

Fitness and Sports

Passport to better fitness

May is Fitness Month and patrons have all month, during normal hours of operations, to travel the fitness world. Pick up a passport to better fitness at the front desk. For each country visited there is an activity that must be completed before the passport is stamped.

Lackland team tug of war games

Lackland Gillum Fitness Center features a



team tug of war contest May 4, 7:30-9:30 a.m. Teams must have at least one female member, and the combined total weight of the team must be less than 1,400 pounds. Call 977-2354 to sign up and for more information.

Fort Sam to host free Poker 5K

Runners are invited to take their marks at the Poker 5K May 7, 7:30 a.m., at the Fort Sam Houston Fitness Center on the METC Campus, Bldg. 1369. This is a free 5K with complimentary refreshments after the run. For more information, call 808-5710.

May Fitness Month goes “extreme”

Lackland Gateway Fitness Center features a 5K Extreme Fun Run May 7, 11:30 a.m. Patrons will stop at four stations to perform exercises during the 5K run. Awards will be given to the top male and female performers. Call 671-2565 for more information.

Randolph warriors and children’s mini biathlon

The mini-biathlon takes place May 12, 7:30 a.m., at Eberle Park. The biathlon starts with a 10-mile bike ride followed by a 5K run. Children can also participate by biking a 5K and running/walking one mile. This is a great opportunity to highlight the importance of staying healthy through fun exercise with a family friendly route. This event is sponsored by Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union and Randolph Family Housing.

Double elimination tournament

A five versus five basketball tournament takes place at Lackland Warhawk Fitness Center May 12, 10:30 a.m. Five-member teams will compete in a double-elimination style game. Call 671-2016 to sign up.

Lackland hosts Amazing Race-style games

Lackland Warhawk Fitness Center hosts a competition modeled after the popular TV show “Amazing Race” May 18, 1 p.m. Five-member teams will complete a series of tasks in the fastest time possible. For details or to sign up, call 671-2016.

Armed Forces Day 5K at Fort Sam Houston

The Jimmy Brought Fitness Center on Fort Sam Houston will host an Armed Forces 5K, May 19, 7 a.m., with refreshments after the run. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 221-1234.

Combat fitness competition tests strength

Lackland Gateway Fitness Center features a combat fitness challenge May 25 at noon. Five-member teams will compete in nine different challenges while wearing combat gear. A trophy will be awarded to the top squadron, and awards are available for participants. Call 671-2565 to sign up.

Strong B.A.N.D.S. Campaign Kicks Off

In recognition of National Sports and Fitness Month in May, Fort Sam Houston is banding together for health and wellness with the Strong B.A.N.D.S. campaign, which

stands for balance, activity, nutrition, de-termination and strength. Visit armywmr.com/strongbands for a chance to win daily prizes until May 31.

Kick start your marathon training

A marathon training and nutrition seminar takes place May 29 noon, at the Randolph Health and Wellness Center. Participants will receive great tips and suggestions for training for a marathon during this seminar.

Team 5K run celebrates May Fitness Month

Lackland Gillum Fitness Center hosts a team 5K run May 31, 7:30 a.m. Teams of five to seven runners will perform different fitness activities at five checkpoints along the 5K course. Call 977-2354 for more information.

Golf

JBSA Military Golf Classic to be held over Memorial Day weekend

Joint Base San Antonio hosts a three-day golf tournament May 26-28, with round one on May 26 at Lackland AFB, round two on May 27 at Fort Sam Houston, and round three on May 28 at Randolph Oaks Golf Course. Play begins with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. each day. Format is a “scramble” on day one, “modified alternate shot” on day two and “best ball” on day three. The entry deadline is May 18. This event is limited to 72 two-player teams. Full payment is due upon registration. There will be an awards banquet on May 28 immediately following the tournament. For more information, call 222-9386 at Fort Sam Houston, 671-2517 at Lackland and 652-4653 at Randolph.

Information, Tickets, Travel

ITT takes casino trip reservations

Randolph ITT is taking reservations for a May15-16 trip to the Grand Casino Cosh-atta in Kinder, Louisiana. The package includes round-trip motor coach transportation, hotel accommodations, continental breakfast and a voucher for \$23 from the Casino. Bus departs at 8 a.m. and returns at approximately 10 p.m. the next day. Cost per person is \$55 for double occupancy or \$110 for single occupancy. Stop by ITT to sign up.

Lackland ITT is taking reservations for a Memorial Day weekend trip to Choctaw Casino in Grant, OK. The trip departs May 27 and returns May 28. The cost is \$87 per person for double occupancy and \$127 single occupancy.

The cost includes round-trip bus transportation, complimentary drinks and snacks on the bus, hotel accommodations at the casino hotel, two free meals and \$20 in casino play. To sign up, call 671-3133.

Lackland ITT patrons head to Europe

Lackland ITT offers Trafalgar Tours cost saver packages which include air and land transportation available June-August 2012. Eight-day tours to Italy visiting Rome, Venice and Florence are available starting at \$3,200 per person. Thirteen-day trips to Barcelona, Valencia, Seville and Madrid, Spain and Lisbon, Portugal are priced starting at \$3,500 per person. For more information, call 671-3133 to speak to a travel representative.

Library

Library offers Mother’s Day craft project

The Lackland Library provides a craft table May 11-12 for children to make their own Mother’s Day card. Craft materials will be available starting at 1 p.m. each day. Call 671-6114 for more information.

Mother's Day story time at Fort Sam

In celebration of mom, the Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library on Fort Sam Houston will host a special story time May 12, 2:30 p.m. Children will listen to stories in tribute to mom and create a craft to give her. For more information, call 221-4702.

Employment workshops help job seekers

The Lackland Library and Airman and Family Readiness Center have partnered to bring job seekers a series of employment workshops. A resume preparation class is scheduled for May 16. The May 23 workshop will explain how to apply for federal jobs and the May 30 workshop will feature interview tips and techniques. All sessions are 6-8 p.m. at the Lackland Library. Call 671-3610 for further details.

“Reading is Sooooo Delicious”

Registration for the summer reading program kicks off May 18 at the Randolph Library with a party from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Pick up the reading log, pencil and book-marks to get started. Refreshments will be available. If patrons can’t attend the kickoff event, they may register at the library during normal business hours. The summer reading program is sponsored by Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union and Randolph Family Housing.

Asian Pacific heritage celebration

An Asian Pacific heritage program takes

place at the Lackland library May 19, 1-3 p.m. A hula dance performance, martial arts demonstrations and food from Asian countries will be featured. The event is free. Call 671-3610 for more information.

Learn a new language

The Randolph Library offers a new and fun way to learn up to 80 languages. The program is called Transparent Language Online. All DoD ID cardholders may participate. Patrons must sign up for the service on computers at the library. Once a user account is established, the site can be accessed from any Internet device. Visit the web site at www.rafblibrary.org for more information.

Outdoor Recreation

Lackland indoor pool closes

Lackland Skylark Aquatic Center will close May 1-13 for pool painting and maintenance. The pool will reopen May 14. Call 671-2187 for more information.

Registration underway for Ammunition Reloading Class

A Reloading 101 class is slated for May 5, 8:30 a.m-12:30 p.m. at the Sportsman Range on Camp Bullis. For details, call 295-7577.

Outdoor Equipment Center hosts flea market and yard sale

The Fort Sam Houston flea market and yard sale is scheduled for May 5, 7 a.m.-1 p.m. at the MacArthur Parade Field Command Pavilion Parking Lot. The flea market is open to the public for purchasing. Patrons may set up on a first-come, first-serve basis beginning at 6 a.m. For details, call 221-5224.

Register for swim lessons

Summer swim lessons on Fort Sam Houston will run June 4-August 3 at the Aquatic Center. The cost is \$40 per child, per session. Lessons are scheduled from 9-9:45 a.m. or 10-10:45 a.m. or 11-11:45 a.m. depending on age. Registration is available beginning May 14, Monday-Friday, noon-7 p.m., at the Aquatic Center, Bldg. 3300. Sessions are for two weeks and include eight days of instruction, a certificate of participation, a swim lesson t-shirt and a class picture.

Randolph swim lesson registration begins May 15, 7 a.m., at Randolph Outdoor Recreation, Bldg. 897. A numbered ticket machine will be placed outside the door of Outdoor Recreation at 6:45 a.m. so those who arrive early may pull a number. Customers must bring their DoD ID card to registration. For more information, call 652-3702.

Joint Base San Antonio

Pools open for the 2012 season

The Fort Sam Houston Aquatic Center opens May 25 for Memorial Day Weekend. The pool is open seven days a week, noon-8 p.m. Admission is free and each DoD card holder is permitted two guests.

Lackland's Chaparral, Warhawk and Medina outdoor pools open for the season May 26. Children, ages 11 and younger, must be accompanied by an adult. Children ages 11-12 may use the pools without an accompanying adult by taking a short swim test. Children age two and younger who are not yet potty trained may only use the Warhawk kiddie pool. For details, call 671-2187.

The Randolph Center Pool opens for recreational swimming May 26, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. The daily entry fee for those that don't have a season pass is \$2 for ages 2 and older. Lap swimming starts June 4 at the South Pool. There is no cost for lap swimming. For details, call 652-3702.

Camp Bullis to host archery shoot

Archers may register, then participate, in a 3-D Archery Shoot May 26-27 at Camp Bullis. Registration is from 8-10 a.m. Shooting will finish at 1:30 p.m. For more information, call 295-7577.

Lifeguard certification course begins

Lackland holds a five-day lifeguard certification class at the Warhawk swimming pool May 26-30. The course is open to patrons ages 15 and older. A pre-requisite swim test must be completed on the first day. The class fee of \$155 is due after the swim test has been passed. To register, call 671-2413. Space is limited.

Make a reservation for JBSA Recreation Park

Reservations for JBSA Recreation Park lodging through October are being accepted for active duty members and through the end of August for all others (military retirees and civilian DoD ID card holders). The park has facilities to fit every one's budget and desire--from the austere camping experience to the premium three-bedroom cottages that overlook beautiful Canyon Lake, and everything in-between. For more information or to make a reservation, call (830) 226-506/5357 or 800-280-3466.

Randolph hiring lifeguards

Randolph Outdoor Recreation is hiring lifeguards for the 2012 pool season. Applicants must be currently certified in life guarding, first aid, CPR and must be at least 16 years of age or older and willing to work flexible hours.

For more information, call 652-3702/3698.



Youth swim team openings

Lackland youth swim team is open to ages 6-15. Patrons must be able to pass a swimming test. The participation fee is \$30 per month. Practices are scheduled every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 6-7 p.m., at the Skylark Aquatic Center, Bldg 6482. Call 671-2187 for details.

Youth Programs

Daughters can enjoy tea time with mom

Mothers and daughters, ages 5 and older, may enjoy tea at Randolph Youth Programs May 5, noon-2 p.m. While enjoying a nice cup of tea participants will learn about the English custom of "tea time" and the history of various teas. Along with the tea, samples of English hors d'oeuvres will also be provided. The cost is \$5 per mother and daughter. To make a reservation, call 652-2088 by May 3.

Cake-making for Mother's Day

Teens are invited to make and decorate Mothers' Day cakes May 11, 4:30 p.m., at the Fort Sam Houston Youth Center, Bldg. 1630. Participants who are interested in this special Mother's Day activity should call 221-3502 to reserve their space.

Youth Center to host lock-in

Games, activities, food and music will highlight the Middle School lock-in May, 18, 7 p.m.-7 a.m. at the Fort Sam Houston Youth Center, Bldg 1630. The cost is \$7 per person and is for 6-8 grade students. For more information, call 221-3502.

America's Kids Run

The American's Kid Run takes place May 19, 9 a.m., at Randolph's Eberle Park. Five- and six-year-old children will run a half-mile, seven- and eight-year-olds will run one mile and nine- to thirteen- year-old children and parents will run two miles. Many other fitness activities and information will be offered as well. This is a FitFactor/FitFamily event worth double points for the month. To register for this event, go to www.americaskidsrun.org from May 1-17, select the "Registration Button" and Randolph AFB. Participants can also register for this on the day of the event from 8:30-9 a.m. This is a FREE event.

Midnight basketball dribbles to Fort Sam Houston

Teens can play Midnight Basketball May 19, 7 p.m.-midnight, at the Fort Sam Houston Youth Center, Bldg 1630. Middle school youth will play from 7-9 p.m. and high school youth will play from 9-12 p.m. Parents and old timers are welcome. For more information, call 221-3502.

Youth Center to honor diversity

During the week of May 21-25, at 4:30 p.m., teens will gather at the Fort Sam Houston Youth Center, Bldg. 1630 to honor a culturally diversified military. Middle school youth and teens will learn fun facts on diversity and will look at clothing from different countries or regions.

Youth Center to celebrate end of school year

Middle school teens and youth are invited to a field day and barbecue May 31, 4 p.m., at the Fort Sam Houston Youth Center, Bldg. 1630, to celebrate the end of the school year. Activities will include water battles, games and contests. For more information, call 221-3502.

Youth bank money for college

The Youth Employment Skills (YES) program is open to active duty Air Force dependents in 9-12 grades. Registered teens can "bank" \$4 per volunteer hour (up to \$1,000) by volunteering through the Air Force Aid Society sponsored program. Teens are placed in a Randolph AFB organization to gain valuable skills. For more information, call Andrea Black at Randolph Youth Programs at 652-3298.

JBSA summer camps filled with fun

Parents may register their students in K-12 for Fort Sam Houston summer camps Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., at Parent Central, Fort Sam Houston Roadrunner Community Center, Bldg. 2797. Parents and guardians should ensure all registration documentation is accurate and complete to prevent processing delays. Registration checklists and medical action plans are available on WebTrac. For more information call 221-4871.

Lackland summer camp registration is ongoing through May 15. Swimming, bowling, other activities and field trips are planned for campers ages 5-12. The fee is based on household income. For details, call 671-2388.

www.randolphfss.com
www.lacklandfss.com
www.fortsammwr.com

Fiesta Celebrations



Photo by Deyanira Romo Rossell

Patsy Torres entertains crowds with her unique Tejano style on the main stage at Fiesta & Fireworks 2012 on Fort Sam Houston April 22.

Fireworks light up the night sky at the conclusion of 2012 Fiesta & Fireworks on Fort Sam Houston April 22.

Photo by Deyanira Romo Rossell



Photo by Sgt. Maj. Eric Lobsinger

Lt. Gen. William Caldwell IV (2nd from right), along with Col. Richard Francey (center), Maj. Gen. Reuben D. Jones (right) and fellow senior leaders from Fort Sam Houston, enjoy themselves as they interact with San Antonio community members during the Texas Cavaliers River Parade April 23. The leaders rode along on a barge float down along San Antonio's River Walk during Fiesta 2012. Caldwell is the commanding general of U.S. Army North and senior commander of Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis. Francey serves as Army North's chief of staff. Jones is the commanding general of the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command.

U.S. Army North Soldiers, civilians and their families steadily pour in at the Fort Sam Houston Fiesta and Fireworks April 22. The annual occasion is part of San Antonio's Fiesta, an 11-day event celebrating the city's history and heroes.

Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Christopher DeHart



Photo by Deyanira Romo Rossell

Ten-year old Jesus-Ricardo Cardenas, in true fiesta style, wears his mariachi suit to enjoy a visit from a lemur from the Sea World Animal Ambassador Team during Fort Sam Houston's Fiesta & Fireworks April 22.



The 2012 Joint Base San Antonio Military Ambassadors salute as part of a ceremony during the 87th Annual Pilgrimage to the Alamo April 23. This event is part of San Antonio's Fiesta, an 11-day celebration of the city's history and heroes.

Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Christopher DeHart

Fiesta celebrations



Photo by Sgt. Lee Ezzell
Yolanda (front) and Cliff Warren, a retired Army noncommissioned officer, exit the Command Information Mobile Exhibition Trailer, part of the U.S. Army North display at the Fort Sam Houston Fiesta and Fireworks April 22.



Photo by Sgt. Lee Ezzell
Stephanie Rhodes (right), 11, adjusts the on-board equipment of a U.S. Army North the Emergency Response Vehicle as her friend, Julia Rigton, 12, looks on. The ERV was part of Army North's display at the Fort Sam Houston Fiesta and Fireworks April 22.



Jake Phelps, 4, is one of the first to take a spin on the "Fiesta Twister" carnival ride at the Fort Sam Houston Fiesta and Fireworks April 22. The annual occasion is part of San Antonio's Fiesta, an 11-day event celebrating the city's history and heroes.
Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Christopher DeHart



Photo by Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson
Junior ROTC cadets from Robert G. Cole High School welcome San Antonio Fiesta royalty to the Fort Sam Houston Fiesta Military Ceremony April 22 with raised sabers.

HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR SHARES HER STORY



Photo by Lori Newman

Maj. Gen. Simeon Trombitas, commanding general, U.S. Army South, thanks Anna Rado, Holocaust survivor, for sharing her inspirational story with the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston community April 20 at Roadrunner Community Center. Rado was 13 years old, growing up in a small town in Hungary, when her family was sent to Auschwitz concentration camp. In 1956, Rado and her brother moved to San Antonio, where they were reunited with their sister after 13 years of separation. This year's event was hosted by San Antonio Military Medical Center.

Cole crowns 'Mr. Cougar' 2012

By Robert Hoffmann
Cole High School

Robert G. Cole High School held its second annual "Mr. Cougar" pageant, April 18 in Cole's Thomas Moseley Gym.

Nine junior and senior students competed for the coveted crown in four categories: Casual Wear, Evening Wear, Short Answer, and Best Legs.

After intense scrutiny by the judges – and unrelenting laughter and finger pointing by the audience – senior Will Taliaferro was named Mr. Cougar 2012.

"I enjoyed coordinating the event," said senior class president Germaine Herrera. "It was worth all the hard work to see everyone enjoy themselves."

"The guys were great sports for participating and I appreciate all of the people who took time out of their busy schedules to help make the event possible," Herrera added. "It was a success."

The following awards were announced:



Photo by Robert Hoffman

Winner Will Taliaferro displays his certificate for having the "Best Smile" and his new Mr. Cougar crown.

Best Casual Wear:
Chris Lamoureux

Best Evening Wear:
Khari Bennett

Best Cat Walk and
Short Answer: Aidan
Dochnal

Best Legs: Stefan
Arnold

Most Lovable: Hakim
James

Best Smile: Will Taliaferro

Most Energetic: Daniel
Rodriguez

Best Pose: Cameron
Schmidt

Most Charming: Tim
Sharpe

Social Butterfly (winner receives most donations from their peers) and Mr. Irresistible (winner of the best legs): Stefan Arnold

Mr. Congeniality (voted by the teachers for having the best citizenship and being a model student): Will Taliaferro

FIESTA ROYALTY VISIT SCHOOL



Photo by Jayne Hatten

Fourth-grader Jordyn Arnette from Fort Sam Houston Elementary School gets into the spirit of Fiesta April 23 as he shares the spotlight with King Antonio XC, the Commander of the Texas Cavaliers, the Queen and Princess, the King's Honor Guard and other Fiesta royalty as they visited the school. The Texas Cavaliers have been crowning kings since 1927 to honor heroes of the Alamo. The Texas Cavaliers is an organization of more than 500 businesses, civic and community leaders that was founded in 1926 to preserve and promote the ideals for which the heroes of the Alamo died.

COLE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY CONDUCTS SHOE DRIVE



Photo by Robert Hoffmann

(From left) Robert G. Cole High School National Honor Society members Savannah Wessies, Kayla Larvins, Alex Herel, Aida Mojica and Hayley Morrill pack donated shoes. The Cole NHS held a shoe drive April 2-13 to benefit Soles4Souls. This organization provides footwear for poverty-stricken areas, victims of disaster and to men and women who are looking for a new start in life. The group, led by NHS president Kayla Larvins collected 231 pairs of shoes. Staff and students from Fort Sam Houston Elementary School, Robert G. Cole Middle School and Cole High School all contributed to this NHS spring service project, making it a huge success.

Cole JROTC cadets help feed the needy

By Cadet Staff Sgt. Lindsey Emry
Cole High School JROTC
Assistant Battalion PAO

Robert G. Cole High School Junior ROTC cadets joined volunteers from the New Creation Christian Fellowship Church to help feed the disadvantaged April 16.

Earlier in the school year, cadets had helped out at the San Antonio Food Bank by packing, sorting, and storing packed goods at the food bank's main warehouse.

This time, they were finishing up part two of their annual service learning requirement by actually distributing food to those in need.

Half of the cadets were assigned to get the food supply out of the SAFB's refrigerator truck, while the others sorted it by quantity and handed it to



Photo by Cadet Staff Sgt. Lindsey Emry

(From left) Cole Junior ROTC cadets Billy LaFountain, Mila Kelly and Mackenzie Wade sort food items in preparation for distribution to San Antonio's needy.

the clients.

"It was a really nice experience and it felt really good to give back

to the community," said Cadet 1st Sgt. Amber Stout.

"It was really neat

meeting all of the people and being able to help them" added Cadet Cpl. Makenzie Wade.

FSHISD WEEKLY CAMPUS ACTIVITIES APRIL 30 – MAY 5

Fort Sam Houston Elementary School

May 1

Law Day, 8-8:45 a.m., gym
Student Council Meeting, 3:15-4:30 p.m., library

May 2

Maturation Program Parent Preview, 3-4 p.m., library and cafeteria

May 3

Progress Reports sent home
College T-shirt day

May 4

PTO Meeting, 8:30 a.m., Room 51

Robert G. Cole Middle and High School

May 1

Cheerleader try-outs, 4-5:30 p.m., Cole Mall area

May 2

Cheerleader try-outs, 4-5:30 p.m., Cole Mall area
Cheerleader try-outs parent meeting, 5-5:30 p.m., Cole Mall Area
Cole Art Show, 7-8:30 p.m., Moseley Gym
Cole Middle School play, Moseley Gym

May 3

Boys & Girls State Golf, Roy Kizer Golf Course, tee time TBA
Cheerleader try-outs, 4-5:30 p.m., Cole Mall area
JROTC Spring Awards, 7-8 p.m., Cole Gym

May 4

Boys and Girls State Golf, Roy Kizer Golf Course, Tee Time TBA
Cheerleading try-outs finals with judges, 4 p.m., Cole Mall Area
Cole Advanced Drama Fine Arts Days, Fiesta Texas
Cole Middle School
PBIS Lunch Bunch

INSIDE THE GATE

Fussy Baby Clinic

April 26, 12:30-2 p.m.,
Dodd Field Chapel Building 1721,
call 221-0349 or 221-1505.

Transitioning with a Student with Special Needs

April 26, 1:30-2:30 p.m.,
Roadrunner Community Center
Building 2797, call 221-2962 or
221-0600.

Children in the Middle

April 27, 1-3 p.m., Roadrunner
Community Center Building 2797,
call 221-0349.

Friday Jazz & Wine

April 27, 8 p.m., Fort Sam Hous-
ton Theatre, featuring Richard Elliot
and Nick Colionne. Doors open and
cocktails available at 7 p.m. Tickets
on sale now, call 466-2020 or visit
armymwr.com.

National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

Turn in unused or expired
medication for safe disposal April
28, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at San Antonio

Military Medical Center Medical
Mall or the Refill Pharmacy Building
2401 on Scott and Allen roads.
Call 221-2988.

Turkey Hunting Season

Season is open Friday, Saturday
and Sunday, 5:30 a.m.-dark through
April 29 at Camp Bullis. Hunting
permits are sold Friday-Sunday,
8 a.m.-3 p.m. Call 295-7529.

English as a Second Language

April 30, 5-7:30 p.m., Roadrun-
ner Community Center Building
2797, call 221-2380.

Army Ten Miler

The registration deadline is April
30. The Army 10 Miler Qualifier
is May 5, 6:45 a.m. at the Jimmy
Brought Fitness Center. The run
is open to all active duty military.
The top five men and women will
represent Fort Sam Houston at the
Army Ten Miler in Washington D.C.
on Oct. 21.

HIRED! Summer Session

Students ages 15-18 can regis-
ter by May 1 for the June 19-Sept. 8
HIRED! Apprenticeship Program.

Intro to Computers

May 1, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner
Community Center Building 2797,
call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

HUGS playgroup

May 1, 9-11 a.m., Middle
School Teen Center Building 2515,
for children 5 years and younger,
call 221-0349 or 221-2418.

Word Level 1

May 2, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner
Community Center Building 2797,
call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

Rear Detachment Training

May 2, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Roadrun-
ner Community Center Building
2797, call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

Bringing Baby Home

May 2 and 16, 9 a.m.-12:30
p.m., Roadrunner Community Cen-
ter Building 2797, call 221-0349.

Volunteer of the Year Awards

May 2, 10 a.m.-noon Sam
Houston Community Center. The
theme is "The Force Behind the
Force," come out and thank the
volunteers on Fort Sam Houston,
call 221-2611.

Self Paced Initial First Termer Financial Readiness

May 2, noon-4 p.m., Roadrunner
Community Center Building 2797,
call 221-1612.

Step Families 101

May 2, 9, 16 and 23, 1-3 p.m.,
Lackland Air Force Base Airmen and
Family Readiness, call 221-0349.

Screamfree Marriage

May 2, 9, 16 and 23, 5-7 p.m.,
Lackland Air Force Base Airmen and
Family Readiness, call 221-0349.

Excel Level 1

May 3, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner
Community Center Building 2797,
call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

Military Spouse Appreciation

May 11, 1-8 p.m., Roadrunner
Community Center Building 2797,
call 221-2418.

Auditions for Youth GOT TALENT Show

The search is on for the most
talented military youth and families
in singing, dancing, music, comedy
or specialty acts. Auditions are

Edwards Aquifer Level

in feet above sea level
as of April 25

CURRENT LEVEL * = 651.4'

*determines JBSA water conservation stage

Normal - above 660'

Stage I - 660'

Stage II - 650'

Stage III - 642'

Stage IV - 640.5'

Stage V - 637'

For water restrictions, visit <http://www.502abw.af.mil>.



ongoing until May 16 for a chance
to compete in the 2012 Fort Sam
Houston You Got Talent Show on
Saturday, May 19, 7-8:30 p.m.
at the Fort Sam Houston Theatre,
Stanley Road. Youth, ages 6 to 18,
or older if still in high school are
encouraged to call 221-4016 to au-
dition for this Air Force-wide family
and teen talent competition.

Auditions for Festival of the Arts

The 2012 Festival of the Arts
Variety Show, "Razzle Dazzle," will
be held May 17, 7- 8:30 p.m. at
the Fort Sam Houston Theatre.
Auditions are open now for service
members and their family members
who sing, dance, or have a comedy
bit or other specialty act. To audi-
tion, call 221-4016 before May 15.
Selected performers will be judged
live by Army Entertainment.

Tell Me A Story

May 18, 5:30 p.m., Fort Sam
Houston Elementary School cafete-
ria, Lt. Gen. William Caldwell IV, se-
nior commander, Fort Sam Houston
and Camp Bullis, will read "How to
Bake an American Pie." To reserve
a seat, call 957-3855 or email PtoP.
SamHouston@militarychild.org.

Life Guarding Lessons

Children age 15 and older may
train to be certified lifeguards on
Fort Sam Houston by completing
one of four sessions. All sessions
will be conducted at the Jimmy
Brought Fitness Center indoor pool
for \$160 per person. Call 221-1234.

Fitness and Sports Athlete of the Year

Service members participating
in intramural sports programs,

monthly sporting events, varsity
or extramural sports are eligible
for nomination as the Athlete
of the Year. Activities performed
throughout the calendar year will
be evaluated. An Athlete of the Year
will be selected for each branch of
service. Nomination packages are
available at any of the Fort Sam
Houston fitness centers or online
at <http://fortsammmwr.com>. The
deadline for submission is Nov. 30.
Call 808-5710.

Catfish by the Pound

The catfish pond on Camp Bullis
is open Saturdays and Sundays,
noon-6 p.m., the cost is \$3/pound,
call 295-7529.

Sportsman Range

The sportsman range is open
Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m.-
2 p.m. at Camp Bullis. Participants
are required to provide their
own equipment for the range.
Cost is \$5/DoD ID card holder.
Call 295-7529.

Java Café

Is open 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-
Friday, 1-9 p.m. Saturday and 1-8
p.m. Sunday in the Sam Houston
Community Center.

Auto Craft Center

The Auto Craft Center on the
corner of Schofield and Funston
roads will be closed until further
notice as the 502nd FSS prepares
to move it to a new facility.

Basic Skills Education Program

Classes are Monday-Friday 7:30
a.m.-3:30 p.m. for a period of 14
working days. Service members

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will receive instruction in reading comprehension, vocabulary, and math skills. The class is designed to teach basic college preparatory skills to service members with a GT score less than 110. Call 221-1738 to enroll.

Retired Enlisted Association

Chapter 80 of the Retired Enlisted Association meets at 1 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Lackland Air Force Base Gateway Club. Call 658-2344 for information.

Stilwell House

The Fort Sam Houston Stilwell House, a historic landmark since 1888, is open for tours, receptions and parties. The Stilwell House is managed by the Society for the Preservation of Historic Fort Sam House, Inc. a 501(C)(3) Corporation not affiliated with the Department of Defense. Call 224-4030 or 655-0577.

Green to Gold Program

Fifth Brigade Army ROTC will conduct a brief the second Monday of each month, excluding training/federal holidays, at 2 p.m. in the Education Center, Building 2248, Room 207C. The purpose of the brief is to educate active duty Soldiers on the benefits, options, and qualifications of the Army Green to Gold Program. Call 5th Brigade ROTC at 295-2006 or 295-0429; the UTSA recruiting officer at 458-5607 or the St. Mary's University recruiting officer at 436-3415.













Cloverleaf Communicators Club

Meetings are held the first and third Thursday of every month 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. at San Antonio Credit Union, Stanley Road, in the conference room. Call 916-3406 or 221-8785 or visit <http://power-talkinternational.com/>.

Future Speakers on the Horizon

Enjoy food and develop public speaking and leadership skills the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, noon-1 p.m. at the Joint Program Management Office, Building 4196. Call 295-4921.

Weekly Weather Watch

	Apr 26	Apr 27	Apr 28	Apr 29	Apr 30	May 1
San Antonio Texas	 95° Partly Cloudy/Wind	 91° AM Clouds/PM Sun	 89° Mostly Sunny	 87° AM Clouds/PM Sun	 86° Mostly Cloudy	 86° Mostly Cloudy
Kabul Afghanistan	 65° Light Rain	 64° Showers	 67° Partly Cloudy	 66° Sunny	 64° Mostly Sunny	 64° Sunny

(Source: The Weather Channel at www.weather.com)

Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association

The SMA Leon L. Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association meets the third Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. at the Longhorn Café, 1003 Rittiman Rd. All active duty, Reserve, National Guard and retired sergeants major are invited and encouraged to attend. Call 221-0584 or 889-8212.

Sergeant Audie Murphy Club

The SMA Leon L. Van Autreve Chapter of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club meets the third Thursday of each month at noon in the Men's Card Room at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Club. All Sergeant Audie Murphy or Sergeant Morales members are invited and encouraged to attend. Call 221-4424 or 837-9956.

OUTSIDE THE GATE

Military River Parade

Paseo del Rio Association will host the first Military River Parade May 19, Armed Forces Day, to honor service members, past and present. The event starts with live entertainment at the Arneson Theatre followed by the river parade at 3 p.m.

Warrant Officer Association meeting

The Lone Star Silver Chapter of the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Association will meet May 21 at 5:30 p.m. at the Longhorn Cafe, 1003 Rittiman Road. All active duty, retired, Reserve, National Guard warrant of-

icers and family members of current or retired warrant officers are invited. Call 221-7327 or 666-9818.

2012 Federal Recognition Awards

An awards ceremony will be held June 13, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Omni Hotel at the Colonnade. Bill Taylor, KENS5 meteorologist, is master of ceremonies. Call 565-1860/1861 or email afpc.afeb.workflow@us.af.mil.

Quarry Farmers and Ranchers Market

Every Sunday, rain or shine, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Quarry Market adjacent to Whole Foods Market, 255 E. Basse Road. Some vendors offer military discounts, live entertainment and kid's activities. Visit <http://quarryfarmersmarket.com/> or call 722-5077.



For Sale: Computer desk, black, \$10; Whirlpool washer and dryer, \$175 each; glass top coffee table, \$35; five-shelf wood bookshelf, \$30; four-drawer brown filing cabinet, \$30. Call 943-2314.

For Sale: New Rascal electric wheelchair with detachable legs, instruction manual included, \$800 obo. Call 661-3765.

To submit a Fort Freebie, e-mail news.leader@conus.army.mil or fax to 221-1198. Freebies run for one week unless the submitter calls to renew. Limit of five items per entry. For more information, call 221-0546.